

Designed and developed by Anglicare Victoria, Rapid Response is an Australian-first. This intensive program addresses critical family dynamics and prevents children entering Out of Home Care.



RAPID RESPONSE™



Victoria spends more than \$1 billion on Out of Home Care each year.*

From 2012 to 2017 the number of children in care increased by 58%



Rapid Response™ operates in five locations across Melbourne's Metropolitan Suburbs and in Central Victoria

139



families were kept together through our Rapid Response™ program



Within 24 hours of referrals our workers meet with families



50 hours of hands on support provided

AFTER COMPLETING RAPID RESPONSE™

95% CHILDREN STILL AT HOME



CREATING BETTER TOMORROWS

Critical to Rapid Response's success is the immediate support and singular intervention approach which is provided to a family at crisis point and in the home. Rapid Response is not a generalist, long term placement prevention model, families are referred to the program when a Protection Application is about to be issued for a child to be placed in Out of Home Care.

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Child Protection Interventions

Rapid Response™ is an intensive, placement prevention model that acts as a direct alternative to Child Protection interventions where a decision to remove a child from the home is imminent.

This year our Rapid Response teams supported more than 200 families at imminent risk of losing their children to the Out of Home Care system.

95% of kids in completed cases remained with their families.

Sources

- * Australian Institute of Health and Welfare 2017. Australia's welfare 2017. Australia's welfare series no. 13. AUS 214. Canberra: AIHW.
- Anglicare Victoria Electronic Case Management system, 2018-19.
- * Of the 361 total referrals, 216 proceeded to access a service, with 139 families successfully completing the intervention.
- * A total of 740 individuals persons were attached to the Rapid Response cases, of these 13% identified as ATSI, and 10.4% identified as CALD.
- * Rapid Response utilises the Signs of Safety as a measurement tool to assess an increase of safety within the family's home, and ultimately an increase of the safety levels for children.

